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## President's Welcome

Well the season is half gone and is the glass going to be half empty or half full? I truly believe that we still have time to turn the season around in the seniors. I look at the team we put out each week in A Grade and see no reason why we cannot start to win games and still make the final. B Grade performs well every week but needs some consistency with their players and then they too will win some of those close games and be a force at the business end of the season.

On other matters, the 35th Anniversary is only three weeks away. Do not miss one of the highlights of the season! To confirm your tickets we need your payments now, see the note later in Croc Tales for Treasurer Percy Peel's contact details.

Over the June long weekend the Junior Mozzies will travel to the Gold Coast to play the other states' Under 20 sides. Congratulations must go to our representatives Brad Hogan, Anthony Smith, Corey Heywood and Drew Weaver (Manager/ Assistant Coach) and also to Jake Barlow who has been selected to referee at the tournament.

Speaking of the Barlow family, we are all disappointed for Tawera (Nerada) Kerr-Barlow that he missed the cut when the All Black training squad was reduced from 35 to 30. As a club, we're very proud of Tawera and we may be biased but his game last week against the Bulls was sensational! In our opinion, he is very unlucky not to still be in the squad.

But every cloud does have a silver lining – Tawera will be back in Darwin during June for his mother's wedding and it looks like he'll be able to come down to the clubhouse to meet the juniors. Stay tuned for more details.

**Ben Blyton**

### What's on this weekend...

<b>FRIDAY</b>	All Junior grades at Rugby Park
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Senior grades as follows: 2:30pm – Under 18's at Fred's Pass 5:30pm – B Grade at Rugby Park 7:00pm – A Grade at Rugby Park



## Noticeboard

### NTRU LADDERS

#### A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	8	8	0	0	35
Souths	7	4	0	3	20
University	8	3	0	5	16
Dragons	7	3	0	4	15
Palmerston	8	1	0	7	6

#### B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	9	7	0	2	35
Souths	9	6	0	3	30
University	9	6	0	3	28
Palmerston	9	3	0	6	19
Swampdogs	9	4	0	5	19
Dragons	9	3	1	5	15
Jabiru	6	0	1	5	2

#### Under 18's

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	7	6	0	1	29
Casuarina	7	4	0	3	21
University	7	4	0	3	19
Palmerston	7	2	0	5	12
Dragons	4	0	0	4	0

### ROUND ONE ACTION...

#### Photos from earlier this season



A Grade

## Around The Grounds



THE SENIORS

### A Grade – University 43 – Palmerston 10

*Update from coach Greg Hill*

Saturday was a must-win game, and should have been a game within our grasp. We started well and competed strongly in most facets of the game, however we lacked cohesion and failed to finish things off and therefore missed the opportunity to add the imperative pressure of points.

Then the lights went out and we had a major delay in the game. The players applied themselves well during the delay. However the dark seemed to act as an invitation to us to go to sleep as Uni came at us very hard after the break and we leaked tries through the backs that killed us and gave Uni a flattering final result.

Once again, I must thank the players that backup after playing B grade. It is imperative that all players get to training and put in for us to remain viable in this competition.

**Tries** - Michael Nicholas; **Conversion** - James Carter; **Penalty** - Brad Hogan

### B Grade – University 10 Palmerston 3

*Update from Robbie Taylor*

In B Grade we went up against University. We thought we might struggle for numbers but we had the full compliment. Only problem was, not too many backs to choose from. Nevertheless, we went out and made good work of the first half. Our defence was awesome, with very few missed tackles to recall. A lone penalty from Devvo made sure we were up at half time.

In the second half we made a few changes which proved a little costly as we suffered a few injuries. But full credit to the boys and we continued to defend well. We had a few chances to go further ahead with a couple of shots at goal from penalties, but to no avail. University scored a converted try and unfortunately we just could not get back down into their half to have a crack at getting in front.

**Penalty Goal** - Devvo 1; **Special Mentions** - Ash, Kev Jones and Jarvo.

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B Grade



Under 18's



Under 6's



Under 8's

## Under 18's – University 17 Palmerston 15



### THE JUNIORS

*Update from Junior Coordinator Robbie Taylor*

This week's games saw some upsets of sort in the Juniors. We were competitive across the board and at times a little unlucky not to end up on the right side of the scoreboard in a few games. All in all, a great weekend for the juniors.

## Under 6's - Update from U6 coach Ricky Hoe

This week in U6 rugby it was Croclings vs. Croclings! Great runs by Tynan, Lilly Hoe and Speedy Gonzales. Gareth showed some super pace only to be denied by the flying Ollie in defence. We have been working on a move (yes that's right folks - U6's are getting serious!) called 'criss cross' which resulted in two tries by Isaac. Xavier stepped up and scored two tries, and Ollie and Noah stepped their way over the white line! Phew! What a match! Hamish had a run in the second half along with Lily Bree who kicked and defended well!

## Under 8's - Palmerston 45 Casuarina White 45

The Under 8's came away with a draw against Casuarina White. Everyone put in a great effort and looked like they enjoyed playing rugby with their mates. Cody seems to be getting the best out of the kids as they learn more every week. Final score

**Try Scorers** - Connor Blyton 3, Madi McVee 2, James Foster 1, Maloi Terupo 1, Izaiah Waters 1, Alexandra Blyton 1; **Special Mentions** - Aaron McFarlane, Tristan Humphries, Freddie Hoe

## Under 10's - Palmerston 41 University 0

The boys are back. In what was a great game of rugby, the kids took advantage of their great work at the breakdowns and ensured they won their own ball back. Brilliant work team.

**Try Scorers** - Kenny O'Connor 3, Josh McVee 1, Jacob Blyton 1, Jayden Humphries 1, Sachin Deo 1; **Conversions** - Jacob Blyton 3; **Special Mentions** - Kenny O'Connor, Jacob Blyton, Jayden Humphries

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Under 10's



Under 12's



Under 14's



Under 16's

### Under 12's - University 32 Palmerston 22

The Under 12's came up with a full team for their clash against University, but due to a lack of players from the opposition, we had to lend a few players to them to ensure a full game went ahead. (In Under 12's and below, it is required that a team with more players is to ensure that both teams are able to play as close to a full side as possible, this means that every now and then, in the best interest of rugby, we need to lend players. It's also a good way to ensure all kids get maximum game time.) Unfortunately, our kids played well but could not quite get over the line in the end.

**Try Scorers** - Wayne Bilston 3, Cameron Croker 1; **Conversions** - Wayne Bilston 1; **Special Mentions** - Daniel Wilson, Jacob Blyton, Thomas Chmielewski

### Under 14's - Palmerston 84 University 0

The boys certainly stood up and made it count. The boys said they wanted to put their best possible performance out on the field. That they did. An incredible display of patience and skill saw the boys cross the line quite a few times. An awesome team effort to say the least.

**Try Scorers** - Kosta Kachionis 4, Keegan Quakawoot 3, Michael Norris 2, Kael Croker 1, Sean McFarlane 1, Isaako Teuati 1, Keanu Feeney 1, Josh MacDonald 1; **Conversions** - Thomas Brown 3, Kosta Kachionis 1, Isaako Teuati 1, Keegan Quakawoot 1, Michael Norris 1; **Special Mentions** - Kosta Kachionis, Keegan Quakawoot, Thomas Brown

### Under 16's - University 12 Palmerston 10

The Under 16's suffered their first loss of the season. A call or two might have gone the other way, never the less, we certainly got our fair rub of the green. Our defensive effort was great from start to finish. It was just a lack of execution of our skills which lead to us not capitalising on a few of University's mistakes.

**Try Scorers** - Wayne Bilston 1, Felix Byrne 1; **Conversions** - Nil; **Special Mentions** - Trent Keppel, Ben Kaart, Jimi Harris, Gavin McHugh

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## Noticeboard

### SENIOR SUBS

Senior subs are now due. **\$190** includes playing kit and insurance. Payment required so that your insurance is paid!

### LOST PROPERTY

We're accumulating quite a bit of lost property. It seems to be mostly junior items. If your child has lost some gear please drop into the clubhouse and check – we'll have a table with all items on display.

### CRACKER NIGHT AT THE CLUBHOUSE

**Sunday 1st July from 6.00pm.**  
Club will be open for drinks, sausage and steak sandwiches.

### BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**Sunday 8th July.** Roster is on the notice board at the clubhouse. 4 x 2 hour shifts. Great fundraiser for the club.

### DARWIN SHOW CLEAN UP

From **Thursday 26th July to Sunday morning 29th July.** See details on the right.



### MONSTER RAFFLE

See **Dennis Grant** for tickets in the Monster Raffle.

## Other news...

### WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to **Denny Johnson** (senior player) and **Zaydah Hunnam**, who were married on Saturday. All the best for your future life together.



### ROYAL DARWIN SHOW CLEAN UP – THE CLUBS MAJOR FUNDRAISER

The Royal Darwin Show Clean-Up is once again our major fundraiser for the year.

Due to game commitments we will be allocating shifts for the clean-up as follows:

- Seniors – Thursday, Friday, Sunday morning
- Juniors – Saturday

Entry to the show will be free for those helping with the clean-up. See a Clean Up Co-ordinator to book your shift now:

Seniors Clean Up Co-ordinator  
Dennis Grant

Juniors Clean Up Co-ordinators  
Robbie Taylor or Ben Blyton



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Each week Croc Tales is running a "PALMY TRIVIA" competition.

**Weekly winners will receive \$10 off their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Tickets.** You may enter more than once, so keep those entries coming!!

Remember, email your answers by 6pm Wednesday each week to: [ben.blyton@bigpond.com](mailto:ben.blyton@bigpond.com) or [wleach@bigpond.com](mailto:wleach@bigpond.com)



This week's winner is Fiona Austine, backing up for her second win.



**Previous trivia winners are:**

- # 1 - Steven Roberts
- # 2 - Garry Crone
- # 3 - Jaz Deo
- # 4 - Jeremy Bright
- # 5 - Garry Russell
- # 6 - Colin Snowden
- # 7 - Dave Ley
- # 8 - Rob Sloan
- # 9 - Craig Leach
- # 10 - Robbie Taylor
- # 11 - Michael Killiner
- # 11 - Sachin Deo (Junior)
- # 12 - J, A & C Blyton (Juniors)
- # 13 - Fiona Austine
- # 14 - Tom Hurse
- # 15 - Craig Leach
- # 16 - Fiona Austine

## Palmy Trivia # 16

### WHO ARE THESE RUGBY CLUBS?

Here are some official or unofficial team names of rugby clubs around Australia (and one from overseas). Do you know who these clubs are or where they are located? You'll need to get at least three correct to enter...

Beasties  
Blacks  
Brahmans  
Crocs  
Croclings  
Devils  
Dung Beetles  
Eagles  
Emus (NSW)  
Emus (Qld)  
Gallopings Greens  
Gropers  
Hatchlings / Freshies  
Magpies  
Marlins  
Old Salties  
Red Heavies  
Snakes  
Swans  
Wanderers

### FUNDRAISER QUIZ

The answer to last weeks quiz...

1. **What is the club's major fundraiser?**  
The clean up at the Royal Darwin Show
2. **Which shift can you help out with?**  
Whatever shift you can!





**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER****CONFIRMED**

Fiona Austine  
 Alan Babbs  
 Jeff Hellfire Bennett  
 Jason & Bryony Blake  
 Ben & Selina Blyton  
 Cecily & Rod Boulton  
 Bernie & Sonya Bree  
 Dan & Evey Bree  
 Dennis & Cec Bree  
 Paddy Bree  
 Tony & Vicky Burns  
 Matt Cabot  
 Greg Cottrell  
 Tom Cummins & Jessica Young  
 Jaz & Robyn Deo  
 Graham Doyle  
 Ben Emmett  
 Brock Evans  
 Dallas Graetz  
 Dennis Grant  
 Gary Harper  
 Todd & Nichole Harrison  
 Greg & Roma Hill  
 Greg Jarvis  
 Sam Jeffries  
 Ben Johnson  
 Vince & Andrea Kelly  
 Glen & Jo Kennedy (from NZ!)  
 Michael Killiner  
 Sean Killiner  
 Craig & Mel Leach  
 Wendy & Mal Leach  
 Dave & Sharmay Ley  
 Chris Marlow  
 Martin & Lavinia Mills  
 Percy & Joanne Peel  
 Stephen Roberts  
 Garry, Marcia & Mietta Russell  
 Rob & Ann Sloan  
 Kerry & Sue Smith  
 Mick Smith  
 Colin & Alison Snowden  
 Rod Williams & Julie White  
 Mike & Coral Wilson  
 Alan & Michelle Woodcock  
 Nick 'Squirrel' Woodroffe

**MAYBES**

Jeremy Bright  
 Merv Daniels  
 Sean Kearns  
 Bill Murphy  
 Anthony Ryan

**35th Anniversary Dinner**

**When:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 @ 7pm

**Where:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Darwin

**Tickets:** \$150.00 per person\*



*\*To purchase tickets, please contact Treasurer Percy Peel at [percypeel@hotmail.com](mailto:percypeel@hotmail.com) for payment details.*

**THINKING OF ATTENDING?**

Email Wendy Leach and we'll add you to our growing list.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF CROC TALES**

Dear Editor,

I feel I must respond to an article by Gary Harper in (Edition 20) of Croc Tales. I realise it did come with a word of warning about "a little journalistic licence..." but I think it could be more a case of selective hearing or maybe just early onset of dementia from all that work in the tight forwards or just one scrum too many.

I recall very well the occasion Gary planted his first tree. He was sweating and blowing up big time after digging one small hole. It really should have been deeper but Gary was stuffed. Perhaps that explains why the tree has died, but I digress.

He was resting (as usual) on the club esky when Dallas and a group of supporters came along for a beer. Gary did proclaim "I have decided that for every try I now score I will plant a tree." But as I recall, the response by Dallas was NOT "Wow. In a couple of years there will be a bloody forest here!!" BUT "Now, get a couple of beers for me and Greg La Forest here."

I hope this clarifies things for all your avid readers.

Kind Regards,

TB – the one who made Gary do all that hard work.

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# 35th Anniversary

## **"THE BATTLE OF NIGHTCLIFF HOTEL" A story from the archives: Croc Tales, August 1989**

Early in Palmerston's history the club had a run-in of mammoth proportions with the locals of Nightcliff Hotel (now the Dolphin) which came close to laying low every player. It began on a Friday night in 1976. As was the custom most of the blokes – we only had one team – would meet at a flat on the corner of Trower Road and Limmen Street early on Friday night to plan the night's entertainment. It was never hard to get a quorum as 11 of the 15 players lived in two of the flats (owned by Dave Cooper). This particular Friday night two members were missing: Bruce Torrie and Craig? They were half back and wing – our two smallest and youngest players. They arrived about 7pm bloodied and battered, very similar to Saturday after a game.

The story was a common one. They had been drinking for a while at the Nightcliff Hotel. "Why the Nightcliff?" was the chorus. At about 6pm the bouncers told them they would have to leave or pay a cover charge. Bruce had just brought a beer and said ever so politely as Kiwis always do, that he would be going after that beer. Apparently the bouncers were in a bit more of a hurry than Bruce and Craig as they proceeded to turf them out. Bruce's wallet was still on the counter and so he was not keen to leave. He mentioned this to the bouncer and he also mentioned something about the bouncer's ancestry. Anyway the bouncer got upset and bashed the s—t out of Bruce and Craig. In this he was aided by a few of the locals.

So there we were – sober, ready for a night's entertainment and wondering how we could let the bouncer know he had upset the Crocs. Then we heard the car start outside and with a few expletives like "We'll kill the rotter" and "Damn his soul" Billy O'Neil and Lloyd Wardrop, also Kiwis, shot off into the sunset bent on revenge. We were all in a bit of a panic as though Lloyd was a tough bastard, Billy was more of a comedian and rarely raised his voice except to ask for a beer. Then the car returned, and out got Billy, walking through the door and asking "Where did this happen anyway?"

Well the decision had been made. The pub would pay in full. We all jumped into two cars and headed for the Nightcliff. On reaching the car park we noticed it was full. Perhaps we should make some plans. Unfortunately the Kiwi mob was on a high. Daff Niel marched into the disco and demanded to see the bouncer. Without waiting for a reply the cash register was thrown through the plate glass door (by persons unknown) and it was on. It didn't last long – thank God – but in the fracas the bouncer had been dropped and was looking unwell. A look around showed that amazingly we were all still standing. We began to back out of the bar (just like John Wayne did in his movies) and then we made our biggest and final tactical error. We went back in. Someone jostled one of the blokes and we became involved in a bit more physical stuff. This time the fight was on for young and old, a few hundred of them and 11 of us. Tables, billiard cues, pot plants, can glasses, jugs, chairs, the lot was used.

Soon we noticed that we were no longer needed in the fight. It seemed to be going well without us so we staged a strategic withdrawal – to the hospital. The remainder of the night was spent lining up for stitches, bandaging, x-rays, plaster, etc. The nurses weren't that sympathetic and kept asking "where's the other side?" However the night did have its brighter moments. Billy O'Neil met a girl in casualty and fell in love – for a short while anyway. The next day we were scheduled to play Casuarina in a friendly game of cricket. Due to the number of head bandages in the side we were dubbed the Indian side. Casuarina has always been quick to stick it in.

Most of the gang are back in Kiwi land now and are quite sane and upstanding members of their community – odd for Kiwis. I wonder if they have told their wives and children about their night out at the Nightcliff Hotel.

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